

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are currently pending in the present application, with claims 35-97 being withdrawn therefrom. The allowance of claims 2-8 and 23-27 is gratefully acknowledged. Reconsideration of the remaining claims is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and arguments set forth.

OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAWINGS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a)

Claims 22 and 29 have been amended so as to remove any reference to a “top wall.” Therefore, Applicants believe that the drawings are now in the correct form.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 9-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jones, U.S. Patent No. 1,352,002. As amended, independent claim 1 defines a drawer assembly that comprises, among other things, a front wall including at least one laterally extending flange located proximate an uppermost edge thereof, and a face plate having at least one laterally extending flange located substantially proximate an upper edge thereof, wherein at least a select one of a group consisting of the at least one flange of the front wall and of the at least one flange of the face plate includes a pair of flanges laterally offset from one another and defining a first gap therebetween, wherein the at least select one of the at least one flange of the front wall and the at least one flange of the face plate is laterally spaced from an outermost edge of the respective front wall or face plate. As is clearly illustrated in Fig. 2 of the Jones ‘002 reference, the upper flange 26 extends the full width of the rear plate of the drawer head, while the top surface of the drawer head extends the full width thereof. As a result, neither of these flanges as argued in the rejection define a flange that is laterally offset from an outermost edge of the respective component, nor cooperate to define a gap that is laterally offset from an outermost edge of the respective component. Moreover, Jones ‘002 does not disclose flanges laterally offset from one another. Therefore, Jones ‘002 cannot anticipate that which is defined in amended claim 1.

Claim 14, as amended, defines a drawer assembly that comprises, among other things, a front wall that includes at least one laterally extending flange located proximate an uppermost edge thereof, and at least forwardly extending tab located along a side edge of the front wall, and a face plate having at least one laterally extending flange located substantially proximate an

upper edge thereof, and a rearwardly exposed abutment surface, wherein the flange of the front wall and the flange of the face plate engage one another, wherein the tab of the front wall engages the abutment surface of the face plate, thereby coupling the face plate with the front wall, and wherein the front wall is adapted to be secured to the pair of sidewalls prior to the face plate being secured to the front wall. As is clearly illustrated in Figs. 2 and 5 of the Jones '002 reference, the drawer head 10 must be secured to the drawers sides 11, 12 prior to attachment of the rear plate 15 with the drawer head 10. Therefore, Jones '002 cannot anticipate that which is defined in claim 14.

Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 14 are in condition for allowance, as are claims 9-13 and 15-21 which depend respectively therefrom.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 22 and 28-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones '002 in view of Gunzburg, U.S. Patent No. 3,649,095. Claim 22 defines a storage cabinet that comprises, among other things, at least one drawer assembly that is defined similarly to the drawer assembly as defined in claim 1, and is, therefore, allowable over Jones '002 and Gunzburg '095, as Gunzburg '095 fails to teach, motivate, or suggest that which is lacking from Jones '002, as discussed above.

Accordingly, claim 22 and claim 28, which depends therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

Claim 29 has been amended to include similar limitations to those noted above with respect to claim 14, and is, therefore, allowable over the cited art for those same reasons, as Gunzburg '095 fails to disclose that which is lacking from Jones '002.

Accordingly, claims 1-34 are currently in condition for allowance, and a notice of allow-ability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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